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SUBJECT: DRUG CONTROL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS SPAIN

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1. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED IN JULY 1976 (STATE 182038) OF US GOVERNMENT INTENT TO CONCENTRATE NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS IN COUNTRIES WHICH "PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS TO THE US". SINCE SPAIN WAS APPARENTLY NOT INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY OF "SIGNIFICANT" COUNTRIES, REQUIREMENT FOR PERIODIC REPORTING WAS CANCELLED. INSTEAD POST WAS ENCOURAGED TO REPORT ONLY "SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LOCAL DRUG PICTURE WHICH MAY BE OF SIGNIFICANCE TO US INTEREST AND OR COOPERATION BY HOST COUNTRY IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO STEM THE PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING OF ILLICIT DRUGS".

2. AMBASSADOR WHO PERSONALLY FOLLOWS NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES BY ALL ELEMENTS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION MET EARLY LAST MONTH WITH EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL COORDINATOR (NCC) AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL MISSION SECTIONS TO INSURE THAT FULL CAPABILITIES OF ALL ELEMENTS WERE BEING PROPERLY EXPLOITED AND COORDINATED TO CARRY OUT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL

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INTELLIGENCE AS DEFINED FOR SPAIN IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE. AFTER THROUGH DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF GENERAL PROCEDURES NOW IN EFFECT WAHSINGTON MAY BE SURE THAT SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS ARE BEING AND WILL CONTINUE TO REPORTED. EMBASSY NCC RECEIVES COPIES OF MESSAGE FROM DEA AND OTHER ELEMENTS ON NARCOTICS CONTROL MATTERS (INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL CASE TRAFFIC) AND INSURES THAT THOSE MESSAGES OF A GENERAL NATURE INCLUDE SECSTATE AS AN ADDRESSEE. IN ADDITION

EMBASSY BCC AND DEA SAIC ARE IN FREQUEDNT CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH OTHER RELEVANT ELEMENTS OF MISSION ON NARCOTICS CONTROL QUESTIONS. EMBASSY THEREFORE BELIEVES CHANCES ARE MINIMAL THAT SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE IN DRUG SCENE IN SPAIN WITHOUT BEING DETECTED AND PROPERLY REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT.

3. RECEIPT OF 76 STATE 301148 HAS RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER SPAIN HAS BEEN RECLASSIFIED AS A " SIGNIFICANT" COUNTRY FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT OF US GOVERNMETN.ACCORDING TO PARAGRAPH 4,76 STATE 266442, DEPARTMENT INTENDED TO TASK MISSIONS IN "COUNTRIES CLEARLY KNOWN TO BE OF PRESENT SIGNIFICANT IN THE DRUG PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING PICTURE" WITH CERTAIN INTELLIGENCE QUESTIONS RAISED IN STATE 31148 ARE OUTGROWTH OF THIS EFFORT WHILE EMBASSY WILLING TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN REQUESTED INFORMATION, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATE IF DEPARTMENT COULD PRVIDE CLARIGICATION OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE CONFLICTING CLASSIFICATION OF SPAIN AMONG DRUG CONTROL PROBLEM COUNTRIES. EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF ANY DEVELOPMENT SINCE JULY 1976 WHICH MIGHT HAVE INDICATED THAT C CHANGE WAS APPROPRIATE. IN FACT QUESTIONS RAISED BY DEPARTMENT IN 76 STATE 306714 WITH REGARD TO RPOPOSED AGREEMENT WITH SPANISH GOVERNMENT ON NARCOTICS CONROL COOPERATION AND ASSITANCE FOR SPAIN (EMBASSY COMMENTS BEING SENT BY SEPTEL) WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT SPAIN JAS TAKEN ON REDUCED, NOT INCREASED, SIGNIFICANCE FOR US DRUG CONTROL EFFORT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIAYE DEPARMENT'S REVIEW OF PRESENT CLASSIFICATION OF SPAIN IN NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM AND RECONCILIATION, AS APPRPRIATE, OF INTELLIGENCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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